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SUBJECT: GOAM MOVING TO RATIFY REVISED "ARTICLE 98"
AGREEMENT -- TIMING SLIPS

11. (U) Sensitive But Unclassified. Please protect accordingly.

12. (SBU) National Assembly senior staff told us that the GOAM is pushing to ratify the revised "Article 98" agreement, but that it will not come up for a vote before the Spring session (i.e., at the earliest in late February). With the GOAM focused on (successfully) securing National Assembly authorization for their Iraq contingent in the final extraordinary session of the year, the timeline for the revised "Article 98" agreement slipped. Nonetheless, the National Assembly anticipates no difficulties and expects to ratify the agreement during the Spring 2005 session.
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